

I CLAIM:

1. A new and distinct *Syringa meyeri* x *Syringa microphylla* plant having the following combination of characteristics:
    - (a) exhibits a rounded uniform compact growth habit,
    - (b) forms attractive trusses of fragrant red purple blossoms  
5 in late spring that fade to lavender pink,
    - (c) is relatively free of insect and disease problems, and
    - (d) is well-suited for growing as a distinctive ornamental shrub in the landscape;
- substantially as illustrated and described.